



Grassroots

District 5 News



District Director Report

Kevin Krentz

District 5 Director

I want to begin by thanking everyone who ran for an elected office this spring. Your commitment to your local communities doesn't go unnoticed. I served ten years on my town board. At times it may seem like a thankless job but the value and common sense you bring to your local community boards is greatly

appreciated. Agriculture is a major contributor to small community economies across the state. Yet many do not realize the impact locally. Agricultural-minded individuals in elected positions help ensure that agriculture continues to be a diverse and leading industry in Wisconsin. And the connection to communities across the state is what makes agriculture more unique than other industries. School board, town board, county board, etc. all have an impact on the community and agriculture in the area. Being involved is more important than ever before. If you are interested in running for office, Farm Bureau can help. Farm Bureau offers many leadership training opportunities, as well as a campaign school, to

help in starting a campaign to run for office.

At times it seems we are lacking common sense at many levels of government. It is frustrating to watch a bipartisan-supported bill come forward, only to watch it die because one party doesn't want to give the other party a win. With Wisconsin being a swing state, we all will be inundated with political ads between now and the November election. But it shows that Wisconsin will be pivotal in a number of federal races. Add to that, a major shift in legislative maps has affected rural parts of the state meaning this year's election will be one of the most important of our lifetimes. This year we need to hold elected officials accountable and support legislatures that support agriculture and rural Wisconsin. It is important for all voters to be fully informed about who they are voting for. That is why the Volunteer for Agriculture committee will be very active in vetting candidates and helping inform members.

Farm Bureau will play a pivotal role this year. That includes advocating for local infrastructure improvements, health plans and maintaining a farmer's right to farm, but also includes the immense responsibility WFBF has supporting members through the elections.

Have a blessed and safe planting season!



District 5 Policy Development Meeting

Monday, August 5

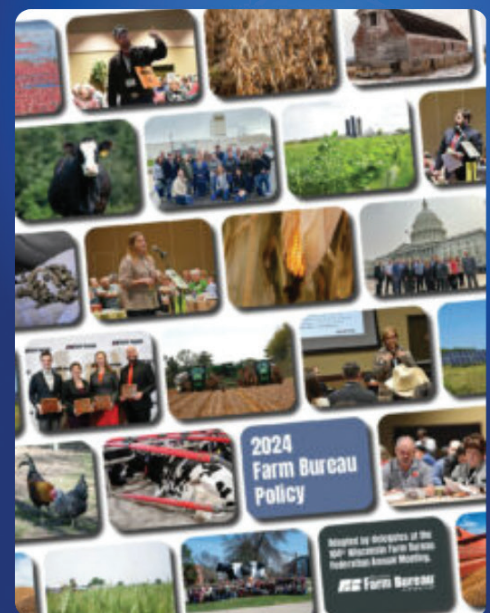
Pete Badtke's Farm

N7511 Hwy 44/49
Ripon WI 54971

7 pm - Meal
7:30 pm - Meeting

For more information contact District Coordinator

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2024 Farm Bureau Policy

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District 5 Promotion and Education Update



Jenny Leahy

District 5 Promotion and Education Chair

What is Promotion and Education? I receive that question on a regular basis, and someone usually follows that up with “Oh, that’s Agriculture in the Classroom.” Promotion and Education has a lot of similarities with Agriculture in the Classroom, but Promotion and Education is focused on helping Farm Bureau members develop their voice and promoting Farm Bureau as a trusted source for consumers to learn about agriculture. During the summer, Farm Bureau members are presented with several opportunities to connect with consumers. That might be during a dairy breakfast or a county fair. Both types of events bring

farmers and the community together which can help build a stronger relationship between the two. They also provide a prime opportunity for Farm Bureau to share information to consumers in an authentic way.

There are a few simple ways to incorporate Promotion and Education into an existing event like a dairy breakfast or at your fair food stand. It could be done passively by creating a display that explains where the food being sold came from. Customers can even be introduced to some of the farmers who grow those products. There are also a number of activities that can be done to teach consumers about how their food is grown or how animals and plants are cared for. Not sure where to start? Reaching out to other county Farm Bureaus or to me as your Promotion and Education Chair is a great place to start. It is okay to start small because once you have taken the first step it will get easier.

District 5 YFA Update



Victoria Smith

District 5 YFA Chair

Hello everyone,
The past few months have been quite busy for the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program! We hosted a bowling and pizza event that was well attended. The members were able to network while bowling, which was fantastic! In April, the county YFA chairs were invited to attend a “Pizza and Brainstorm” with the county Promotion and Education chairs. We were able to discuss current

and future events as well as bounce ideas off each other for success in the counties.

There are quite a few events coming up for District 5 YFA members! We will be attending a Timber Rattlers game on June 28, tubing at the Ice Bowl in Princeton on July 27, and our annual discussion meet on August 29 at the American Legion in Princeton.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Victoria Smith

608.369.1486



The District 5 YFA bowling event was held on March 16 at the 300 Bowling Alley in Green Lake.



DISTRICT 5 YFA DISCUSSION MEET

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

6:30PM - DINNER
7:00PM - DISCUSSION MEET

AMERICAN LEGION HALL
853 W. MAIN STREET
PRINCETON, WI

PLEASE RSVP & DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:

DISTRICT 5 YFA REPRESENTATIVE
VICTORIA SMITH
608.369.1486
torigirl9412@gmail.com

Young farmers and ranchers are finding they need to diversify their farm portfolio. What are some ways that young farmers and ranchers can utilize diversification to explore new revenue sources? How can Farm Bureau support YF&R members as they strengthen their farm and ranch businesses?



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DISTRICT 5 FARM BUREAU
YFA RIVER TUBING
 SATURDAY, JULY 27 | 12:00PM | THE ICE BOWL
 Join us for a potluck lunch and an afternoon on the river! Please bring a dish to pass.

DISTRICTS 5 & 6 YFA
**TIMBER RATTLERS
 BALL GAME**

JOIN YOUR FELLOW FARM BUREAU MEMBERS FOR A TAILGATE STARTING AT 4:00PM. BRATS, BURGERS, CHIPS, DESSERT & DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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SAVE THE DATE COUNTY ANNUAL MEETINGS

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend your county annual meeting this fall. Watch your mail for your official invitation.

- August 26 | Waushara County | Waushara County Fairgrounds | Wautoma
- September 10 | Green Lake County | Farm View Event Barn | Berlin
- September 16 | Fond du Lac County | Avenue 795 | Fond du Lac
- September 17 | Winnebago County | Brighton Acres | Oshkosh
- September 28 | Adams & Marquette Counties | Sportsmen Club | Harrisville
- October 1 | Juneau County | American Legion | Mauston

SUMMER

FUN


All the counties in the district have some type of food stand at their county fair. Consider volunteering at the Farm Bureau food stand in your county.

DATE	COUNTY	COUNTY FB FOOD STAND CONTACT
JULY 3 – 7	MARQUETTE COUNTY	VICTORIA WACHHOLZ 608.369.2644
JULY 17 – 21	FOND DU LAC COUNTY	JENNY LEAHY 920.979.3213
JULY 31 – AUGUST 4	WINNEBAGO COUNTY	RUSS KRIHA 608.436.4764
AUGUST 1 – 4	GREEN LAKE COUNTY	STEVE KUTZ 920.229.9767
AUGUST 11 – 18	JUNEAU COUNTY	TONRA DEGNER 608.553.1256
AUGUST 15 – 18	WAUSHARA COUNTY	PAUL JARVIS 920.229.0637
AUGUST 22 – 25	ADAMS COUNTY	RAY OLSON 608.572.1429



FARM ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE & SAFETY SHORT COURSE

 **JULY 11 & 16, 2024**

 **HANCOCK AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION
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Heather Gayton, Outreach Program Manager & FISC Director
heather.gayton@wisc.edu

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CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to these counties in District 5 who were selected to receive a \$250 Farm Neighbors Care grant!

Adams, Green Lake, Juneau

Farm Neighbors Care is a campaign to support our farmers who are facing stress due to low market prices, poor weather and crop conditions, etc. Farming can be an isolating career, especially if other family members work off the farm. It is important to check in on your friends, neighbors and family members to gauge how they are doing and offer support and a listening ear.

Adams County

wfbf.com/about/counties/adams
AdamsCountyFarmBureau

President's Message



Kay Olson
Adams County Farm Bureau President

Greetings to all our members. I don't know if it is my age or what, but my question is where has the time gone? Seems like we just started the 2024 year and here we are in April already. As the saying goes April showers bring May flowers. Let us hope that is true and that we also get those "May showers" that many of us so desperately need.

Many of our members who are farmers and ranchers will begin or have already begun starting fieldwork. As I sit here preparing my report many have already started doing fieldwork in March because our weather has allowed us to. I would like to remind everyone to keep an eye out for equipment on the roadways and pay attention to the slow-moving vehicle signs and no-passing zones. Take your time and slow down. The few minutes you may think you are saving by passing may not save you. It may take your life or that of someone else. I have said this before in my messages, many who own an ATV or a UTV think nothing of having them on the roadways because they are only allowed to travel at 35 miles per hour. Many also think nothing about the speed of the other vehicles on the road with them. We all need to share the roads and we all need to slow down and obey the signs.

There are many events that happened or will happen in Adams County and

your board of directors has donated or will be donating to them. They have donated to the A-F FFA, the Moundview Memorial Hospital Foundation and the 4-H Promotion Committee to name a few.

The Ag in the Classroom Committee participated in Read Across America by reading two books at Coloma Elementary in grades 3rd – 6th. The books were "Potatoes for Pirate Pearl" and "I Love Strawberries." Books were then donated to those classrooms.

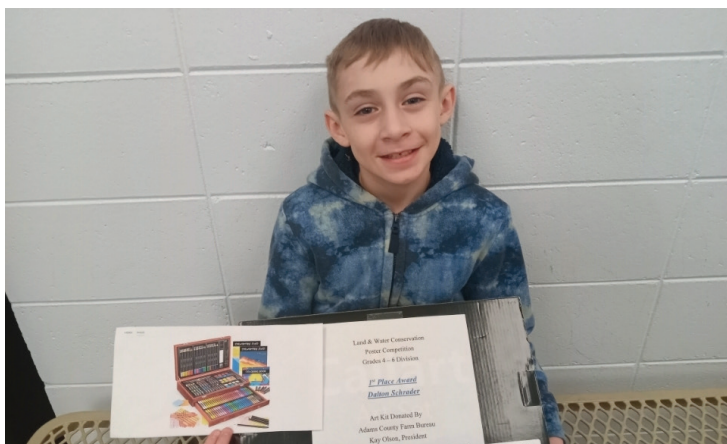
The board also decided to increase the scholarship amount. Scholarship forms can be obtained by contacting Kay Olson at kolsonmartz@gmail.com or calling her at 608.572.1429. The scholarship is for a graduating senior, anyone already enrolled in a trade school or a college. If you already received a scholarship from Adams County Farm Bureau, you cannot receive one again.

The Adams County Land and Water Conservation Department had its annual Conservation Poster contest. We presented the 1st place award winner, Dalton Schrader, with an art kit. Please look for his picture with his award in our newsletter.

We will be supporting the 4-H Ambassador and Promotion Committee when they have their Great Grilled Cheese and Milk Shake event on June 1 at the Adams County Fairgrounds to kick off June Dairy Month. The next event that we will support as well is their Spudtastic Souperbowl event in October which will kick off National 4-H Week.

Wishing you all a happy spring and summer. Be safe...

Land Conservation Poster Winner



Dalton Schrader is a 4th Grade Student at A-F Elementary School. He entered the Land Conservation Poster Contest and won 1st place in the county. Dalton was very pleased to receive a 153-Pack Deluxe Wooden Art Set as his award sponsored by the Adams County Farm Bureau.

Upcoming Events

Great Grilled Cheese & Shake Event – Sponsored by Adams County 4-H Ambassador and Promotion Committees

When: Saturday, June 1,

Where: Adams County Fairgrounds – You can dine-in or drive-thru. You can pre-order meals for your employees by calling Evan at UW-EX at 608.339.4237 (We can deliver or have ready for pick up). Please give timely notice for delivery and pick-up.

Scholarships – Scholarships are due by June 30. Contact Kay Olson at 608.572.1429 for more information.

Grand Marsh Corn 'N Tater – Saturday, August 17, Grand Marsh.

Adams County Fair – August 23, 24 and 25, Adams County Fair Grounds.

Old Farmers Fall Festival – September 27, 28 and 29, West end of the Adams County Fair Grounds.

Spudtastic Souperbowl – Sponsored by Adams County 4-H Ambassador and Promotion Committees – Saturday, October 5 – Adams County Fairgrounds, dine-in or drive-thru. You can pre-order meals for your employees by calling Evan at UW-EX at 608.339.4237 (We can deliver or have ready for pick up). Please give timely notice for delivery and pick up.

Fond du Lac County

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President's Message

Reuben Hopp

Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau President

It's planting time! Every year spring comes. Sometimes early, sometimes late. Some springs are wet, some dry, some cold and some warm. I'm hoping by the time you read this, most of you will have already started planting, or are almost done.

Regardless of the season, our Farm Bureau staff is constantly working for you as members for the betterment of the agriculture industry.

Our lobbyists are busy both in Madison and Washington, D.C., continually meeting with our representatives to help them understand the needs of

Wisconsin farmers and agriculturists.

That's why it's so important for Farm Bureau to maintain and grow our membership. Thank you for being a Farm Bureau member. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so. We depend on you. Every membership is important. Also, reach out to your family, friends and neighbors and ask them to become part of the Farm Bureau family.

This year our scholarship committee awarded \$3000 in scholarships. Rylan Bruins will be attending Fox Valley Tech college for agriculture. Grace Clark is currently attending UW-Platteville studying Agribusiness Marketing and Communication. Ashlan Bruins will be attending UW-Whitewater to study Elementary Education and Alissa Barthuly will be attending Fox Valley Tech and UW-Oshkosh to study Strength and Conditioning with a minor in Business. Congratulations to all our scholarship winners. God bless you all.

Scholarship Recipients

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Ryan Bruins, \$1000



Grace Clark, \$1000



Ashlan Bruins, \$500



Alissa Barthuly, \$500



Green Lake County

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President's Message

Pete Badtke

Green Lake County Farm Bureau President

Hello Green Lake County Farm Bureau members:

Ag Day at the Capitol was held on January 31, with 13 members from our county attending.

This is such a great way for you to get involved and sit down with our assembly representatives and state senators to discuss issues that are affecting the way we farm. Please plan on attending next year. On March 9 we had our 2nd Annual Game Night in Green Lake. Food, fun and games were enjoyed by many. This is another opportunity for you to get involved next year. On April 6, we had our 4th Annual Roast Pork Dinner in Princeton. This year we served close to 300

meals from 10:30 to 1:00, thanks again to the Legion for allowing us to use their building and all the Farm Bureau members who helped prepare and serve the meals. Coming up on July 28 we will have our Green Lake County Farm Bureau Annual Picnic at our food stand at the fairgrounds. Plan on attending and we will again have a corn hole tournament with good food and fun!

The Green Lake County fair is right around the corner, and if you are able, we would like you to come on down and help in our food stand. Please contact me or any board member if you can volunteer for our largest fundraiser

If you noticed in my message, there are so many ways YOU can get involved! Farm Bureau gives you a voice locally, in the state of Wisconsin and the United States. Thanks for your membership!

Scholarship Recipients

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Leah Bobek



Dani Graff



Kylie Slark



Layten Sobieski





Trillum Hill Dairy Hosts Agriculture in the Classroom Tour

The Green Lake County Women's Committee and Ag in the Classroom Committee held a farm tour on April 12 at Trillum Hill Dairy near Berlin. Close to 200 students from four area schools attended the tour

hosted by the Jones family. Schools that attended included Berlin Public, Green Lake Public and Peace Lutheran from Green Lake as well as Christ Along Lutheran Academy from Princeton.



Pork Roast Fundraiser Recap

The 4th Annual Green Lake County Farm Bureau Pork Roast fundraiser was held Saturday, April 6 at the American Legion in Princeton. Over 250 meals were served. Thank you to everyone who came to the pork roast, all the volunteers and the Princeton American Legion.



Photo Credit: Berlin Journal

Save the Date!

Watch your mail for invite!



MEMBER PICNIC

Sunday, July 28 at 12:30 p.m.
Green Lake County Fair Grounds

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

GAMES AND PRIZES

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Juneau County



President's Message



Kip Weber

Juneau County Farm Bureau President

Greetings Juneau County Farm Bureau members,

The Juneau County Farm Bureau has been busy the past few months. Five members attended Ag Day at the Capitol on January 31. I always enjoy this event. It's a great way to get updated on current ag issues and meet face-to-

face with legislators.

In March, we held our Annual Wine and Cheese Tasting event in

Mauston. Thank you to all who attended. We are already thinking about next year's event! This is a great event to visit with people in the community and support local businesses.

This spring our Agriculture in the Classroom coordinator Tonra Degner will be busy with the Annual Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest for 4th and 5th graders. And as summer comes, we will be planning for our pie stand at the Juneau County Fair. This is our largest fundraiser, and it helps fund our Agriculture in the Classroom program. So, make plans to attend the Juneau County Fair and stop by our booth for a piece of pie and ice cream!

Happy Summer!

Wine and Cheese Tasting

Amy Vander Mark

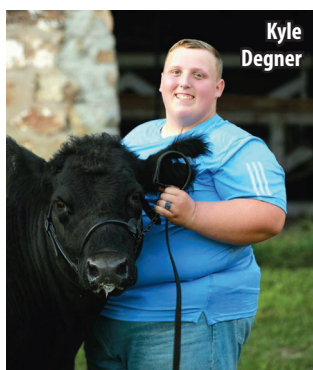
On March 16, the Juneau County Farm Bureau held its Annual Wine and Cheese event showcasing local wines, cheese, beef and dips/jellies. With over ten flavors of cheese and five flavors of wine to pair with, guests had the opportunity to experience and taste how different notes come out when pairing different flavors of wine and cheese together. This year our

focus was on having one large charcuterie table. This gave our guest the perfect opportunity to see all the variety of items and then take notes on their favorite items so they were able to make smaller versions at their own home. We hope this was helpful for them to learn how to pick and choose their favorite items without having to guess what to buy at the store. This annual event is a favorite of many including our board!



Scholarship Winners Announced

Kyle Degner, Bridget Totzke and Gracie Stanek were all selected as Juneau County Farm Bureau scholarship recipients. Recipients will receive a \$250 scholarship. Kyle Degner will be attending UW-Oshkosh to study Kinesiology. Bridget Totzke will be attending UW-Stout to study Art Education and Psychology. Gracie Clark will be attending UW-Lacrosse.



Kyle Degner



Bridget Totzke



Gracie Stanek

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Marquette County

President's Message

Aaron Wachholz

Marquette County Farm Bureau President



Hello everyone! I hope this finds you all enjoying our beautiful spring weather. As the days lengthen and the temperatures rise and become mild, people start wandering farther from home. My family and I enjoy seeing and visiting many of the local ag businesses and farms throughout our county and beautiful

dairy state. We especially like going to other farms that sell their products directly to their consumer. The excitement of trying a new locally produced product is one of a kind. Each product a farm sells is special and unique.

Buying local isn't a new concept. Communities have been influenced

by local farms for generations. Buying directly strengthens farmers and helps them maintain profitability and sustainability for farms of all sizes. Buying local from your area farmer generates oodles of economic activity. Every dollar that you spend with a local farmer, is reinvested to maintain and run the farm. When we buy local, we support each other since money just makes a cyclical return remaining in the same locality, but in different hands.

Let your senses guide you! This spring and summer as you travel the highways and byways of our county, take time to stop at farms that are selling their own products. Visit your local farmers market and support those who farm near you. The taste, smells, quality and experience will leave you craving for more. Step out of your comfort zone and develop a friendship and relationship with a farmer near you. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

God bless all of you!

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Holden Hockerman and Emma Stueck. They are both recipients of a \$500 scholarship.

Holden Hockerman – Holden is graduating from Westfield High School. He is planning on attending Northeast Iowa Community College where he will be studying the John Deere Tech Program.

Emma Stueck – Emma is graduating from Montello High School. She is planning on attending MATC where she will be studying business.



Marquette County June Dairy Breakfast

Sunday June 9, 2024 at the
Marquette County Fairground
Breakfast will be served from
7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

There will be food, games,
50/50 raffle, petting zoo,
ag story time, kids train,
music and more!

Adults: \$12
Children ages 5-10: \$8
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4th Annual FARM BUREAU MEMBER

Picnic

This year we will be having a hog
roast so bring your appetite and a
dish to pass! The picnic will be on:

Sunday, August 18 2024
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

At the Harrisville Park
Harrisville, Wisconsin

RSVP to Victoria Wachholz by August 1
608.369.2644



Waushara County



President's Message



Mike Leahy

Waushara County Farm Bureau President

Greetings everyone! Here is what we have been up to these past few months.

The Young Farmer and Agriculturist program has been active over these past few months. They had a joint event with Green Lake County YFA for Trivia Night at Knuth's Brewing in Ripon. YFA Chair Miranda Ewald has a few events she's working on for the summer. Follow our Facebook page,

Waushara County Farm Bureau to stay updated on all the happenings this summer!

Lynn Leahy, our county's Promotion and Education and Agriculture in the Classroom chair was recently appointed to the WisGO Team. WisGO Team members are advocates and thought leaders on issues impacting agriculture. These members will serve as influential and authoritative individuals to be called upon for media interviews, legislative testimony and social media advocacy.

The WisGO Team is Wisconsin Farm Bureau's first line of contact when

speaking on agricultural issues. Members of the WisGO Team will develop a skillset to effectively interact with media representatives as well as educate and influence others on prominent issues impacting agriculture. Members will learn effective strategies to share their stories to a broad audience through multiple media platforms.

We had a booth at the most recent Blue Ribbon Kids Day held at Parkside Elementary in Wautoma. Blue Ribbon Kids Day attracts more than 1000 parents, grandparents and children who learn and practice safety skills, discover area resources and enjoy a morning of free family-focused fun. It is the largest free family event offered in Waushara County. At our booth, we displayed what a cow eats. The nutritional breakdown and had a fun activity making trail mix that was a visual representation of a cow's ration.

On June 16, the Wautoma Father's Day Car Show will be at the fairgrounds, and we will be selling tasty grilled burgers and brats. If anyone is available to help for a couple of hours, please let Paul Jarvis know.

Mark your calendars for the Waushara County Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting. This year's annual meeting will be August 26. We are still working on all the details. Look for the meeting postcard and event announcement on social media later this summer!

Wishing everyone a safe and speedy planting season.

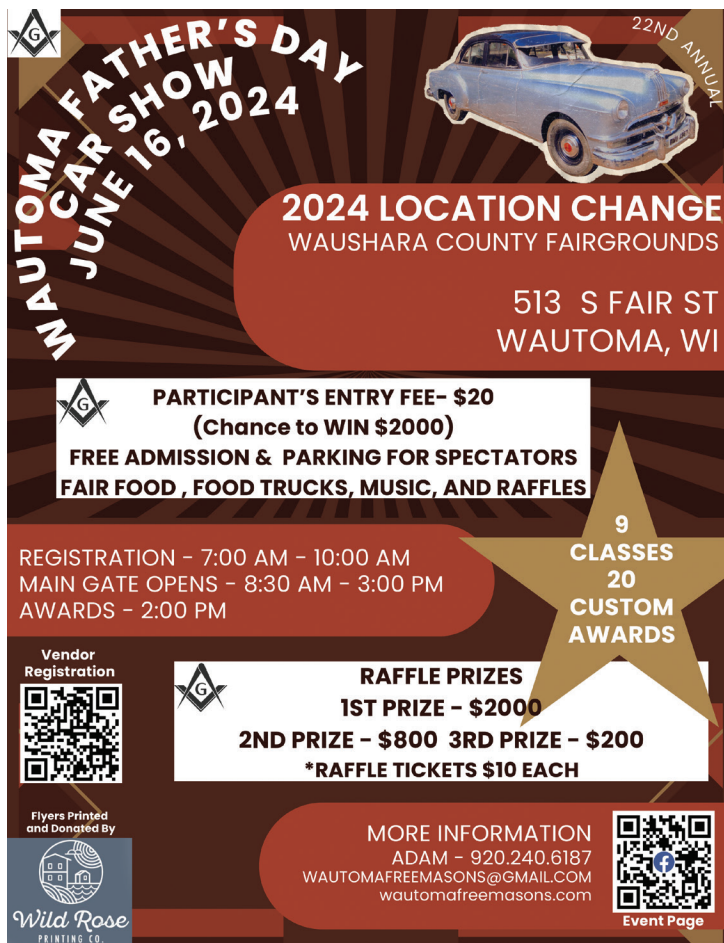
Agriculture in the Classroom Update

Lynn Leahy

Waushara County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education chair Lynn Leahy attended the County's Blue Ribbon Kids Day. She conducted an Agriculture in the Classroom activity that teaches kids about how dairy cows are fed.

Blue Ribbon Kids Day was held on April 6 in Wautoma. Approximately 300 kids attended. It was a free family fun and resource fair. There were plenty of hands-on activities to entertain and educate children, allowing parents a chance to learn more about area resources. Additional exhibits offer healthy snacks, information about childcare, breastfeeding, nutrition, parenting, recreation, child development, family activities and other area resources. Nearly 40 organizations were represented. Blue Ribbon Kids Day is an activity of the Waushara County Department of Human Services.





WAUTOMA FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW
JUNE 16, 2024

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 Event Page

Buecher Recipient of Bleskey Memorial Scholarship and Gordon Krentz Memorial Scholarship

Brianna Buechner, daughter of Mike and Laura Buechner of Hancock.

Brianna is a senior at Wautoma High School. Brianna plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville this fall to major in agriculture business marketing.



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NOMINATIONS OPEN

Do you know someone who is inspiring or helping others? We want to hear about them and recognize the great things people are doing for their community.

NOMINATE BY MAY 20

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Heroes of Hope
 NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



Agriculture in the Classroom Update

Rebecca Poppy

Winnebago County Agriculture in the Classroom Coordinator

Hi! Rebecca Poppy here, Agriculture in the Classroom Coordinator for Winnebago County.

It has been my pleasure to work with the teachers at the Omro school district for the last 9 years. Throughout the school year, I do activities such as speaking about agricultural careers in the high school independent living classes each semester, presenting agricultural careers for the middle school career fair and setting up a reading day between the high school FFA members and the elementary students K-5th grade for National Ag Day each year.

The 4th and 5th grade teachers have graciously invited me into their classrooms to introduce the Agriculture in the Classroom Essay Contest along with reading the Book of the Year. Following that event, I usually do a culminating lesson/activity to wrap up the year's agriculture topic. This year's topic is Wisconsin fruit. Our activity was making mini fruit pizzas and cranberry soil cups. See the attached recipes and photos for our Fun with Fruit!!

If you are a public or private school teacher in Winnebago County or a homeschool parent and would like me to provide or present agriculture activities please reach out. I would be more than happy to meet with you.

Thanks!

Rebecca Poppy

poppyfamilyfarms@gmail.com



President's Message

Amanda Volp

Winnebago County Farm Bureau President



Spring has sprung my fellow Farm Bureau friends and we are getting into the heart of planting. The weather is beginning to warm up again, and the grass is getting greener! My prayer is that everyone has a successful and safe planting season this spring.

It has been a busy year so far for Winnebago County Farm Bureau! To start the year six board members, Russ Kriha, Charlie Knigge, TJ Beck,

Linda Mullins, Kelly Lloyd and I, traveled to the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, January 19-22. While there we got the opportunity to highlight our Community Night event after being chosen as an AFBF County of Excellence Award recipient. The group

attended workshops, visited with other state Farm Bureau's, and, of course, did a little sightseeing. It was truly a great experience and humbling to know that the work we do at a county level is seen on the national level as well.

On January 30, I attended the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Council of

Presidents meeting in Madison followed by Ag Day at the Capitol where board member Russ Kriha joined me on January 31. This was an opportunity for members to advocate for current agricultural issues with our lobbyists.

Our Community Night on February 3 had roughly 250 people in attendance and was encouraging to see all the folks that gathered within the community, both from rural and urban areas. We started this year with a goat milk soap craft event where around 20 people were able to make different kinds of soap while sipping on wine. During the evening guests also could take part in a free wine and cheese tasting, featuring Rushford Meadery & Winery and Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin. The kids enjoyed playing in the corn pools with toy tractors, trying their luck on duck races, coloring agriculture pictures for the children at Wisconsin Children's and free hot chocolate. The 2/5th Party Band came in and graced us with live polka music

which drew in a good crowd for watching and dancing. The mac and cheese bar was a hit with so many delicious toppings to choose from. A new Screw IT activity was created, and teams were encouraged to race against the clock to determine which team was the quickest and most efficient assemblers. We had parent/kid teams compete for some good entertainment! We had a total of 16 silent auction items and the 50/50 raffle were generously purchased. To top off the night we had 8 teams compete with America's Pub Quiz trivia. The funds raised at this event will be given back to Winnebago County through our Agriculture in the Classroom program, Young Farmer and Agriculturalist program and will help Farm Bureau be a voice in the agriculture community through policy and development. We had a food drive this year and ended up donating 110lbs worth of non-perishable food items to local food pantries and Feeding America. This year the committee also chose to donate a large portion of the proceeds from the evening to an organization in need. I am proud to say that we were able to donate \$3000 to the kids at Children's Wisconsin! Community Night truly brought together everyone for an evening of food, fun, friendship and fundraising!



Also in February, board members assisted in judging the FFA District Speaking Contests at the Oshkosh West High School and Berlin High School. The knowledge, dedication and professionalism expressed by those FFA members was astonishing and paints a bright future for agriculture and

the next generation to come.

We also sponsored FFA students from the Winneconne and Omro school districts who attended the FFA Farm Forum conference.

Planning for the summer activities is largely underway, from May Beef Month to June Dairy Month promotions and the Winnebago County Fair Food Stand. We welcome anyone who would like to participate or lend a helping hand for a couple of hours, any support is greatly appreciated.

Here's to a stellar summer! God Bless.

Special Announcement

Winnebago County has been working on something new! We recently launched a monthly county e-newsletter, The Corner Post! This email will provide a mixture of important updates from our monthly meetings about upcoming events and opportunities as well as tasty recipes, member benefits, and what we've been up to! If you're interested sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3ydUFOH>.



- Activities Include
- Butter Making
 - Coloring
 - Feed a calf
 - Dairy Trivia
 - Moo-Mania
 - And much more!

GRILLED CHEESE DAY

JUNE 1, 2024

10 AM - 2 PM

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 - Potato chips
 - Milk
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